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FLORIDA STUDENTS AT STETSON.

There are many special advantages enjoyed by Florida boys and girls at the John B. Stetson University. The University exists for them primarily. It was started as a local interest in DeLand. Its work was broadened to include the state. A further step was taken when it widened its scope to provide for the large number of

Northern students who attend it during the winter term. It has proved to be a distinct and positive blessing to both the Northern and the Florida students who mingle together in the University. Both learn to esteem each other highly. There never has been the least friction between them. The special advantages offered to Florida students are as follows:

1. There are 32 free tuition scholarships, each one \$72.60, offered annually to graduates of 15 High Schools of Florida, two being assigned to each school. The High Schools on the list are those at Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Gainesville, Pensacola, Palatka, Ocala, Daytona, Tampa, Kissimmee, Orlando, Lakeland, Leesburg, Plant City and Miami. These are scattered well over the state and these 32 free tuition scholarships enable these communities to train leaders.

2. Free tuition scholarships are given to all children of Florida Baptist ministers in active service, engaged in no other business, and to endorsed candidates for the ministry. Our preachers in Florida are not working for money. They don't have big bank accounts; they are men of God! They are a blessing to the state. This rule

of the University is a distinct recognition of their worth as a class.

3. Free tuition, free room rent and a discount on the regular cost of board is made in the spring term to all Florida school teachers who present a certificate from the county superintendent that they have taught the preceding winter. Many teachers avail themselves of this concession. There are over 3,000 teachers in the state who could do so. This rule of the University is also a distinct tribute to this class of public servants. The best is none too good for our children. The Stetson University Normal School is especially designed to equip the public school teacher.

4. Conrad Hall offers throughout the year a low rate of board to 15 Florida-born boys. They must show to the President that they need the help and will likely make a good use of it. They must also have an aim in life. There are other regulations connected with Conrad Hall, but the important one is that the rate is limited to Florida-born boys. The Conrad Hall fund amounted to a little over \$3,000, one-third of which was supplied by the University for this purpose. It will be seen that the fund is

providing accommodations for a large number as compared with the size of the fund.

5. A loan fund has been started for the benefit of Florida boys only. This fund enabled two boys to attend the University this year.

6. The Stetson scholarships and the McBride scholarship are used at present for Florida boys and girls. Their use is not limited, but the Florida boys and girls get the benefit of it.

7. Thirty positions in the University are assigned to Florida boys and girls—chiefly boys. These pay tuition or partial board for service to the University as monitors, janitors, laboratory and library assistants, mail carrier, bookseller, attendants, assistants to professors, etc. There are 32 such positions in all—two are held by Northern boys—the rest are all held by Florida boys. In the distribution of these aids preference is given always to the needy who prove themselves for their ability and worth. The University rarely promises anything in advance in regard to paragraph 7. It must have efficient service, and gives the places to those who have proved themselves.

THE DELAND PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The DeLand public school is second to none in the state and our people are justly proud of it. It occupies the beautiful building which we show herewith, and contains twelve grade rooms, two class rooms, and an elegant auditorium with a seating capacity for six hundred. This building was erected at a cost of about \$12,000, including the furnishings. A new addition to the building has just been completed, the erection of which was brought about principally by the Ladies' Improvement Society at a cost of about \$3,500 without furniture and other fixtures. In order to show the interest taken by the people of DeLand in the school, it might be well to state that \$1,000 of this amount was furnished by the Ladies' Improvement Society, \$1,000 was contributed by Mrs. John B. Stetson, who has always been very much interested in the welfare of our schools, and the remaining \$1,500 was given by the County School Board and the city of DeLand, the county furnishing \$1,000 and the city \$500. The building is beautifully located in the western part of the city and occupies three acres of ground, which is ample for football, baseball, tennis and other out-of-door sports. It may be very truthfully said that the building and grounds of the DeLand public school are second to none in the state.

The growth of our school has been phenomenal, being indicative of the growth of the city and the excellent class of people who are locating here. In 1898 the school occupied a four-room building and was conducted by four teachers, giving a course of study covering eight years of work. At present we have ten grades and eight teachers. The high school is affiliated with the John B. Stetson University and for this reason only a two years' course is maintained. The high school course, in addition to its conforming to the requirements of the first two years of the Academy of Stetson University, is so arranged as to satisfy the requirements of the state course of study for high schools, and consequently the school receives state aid. It is under the control of the school board of Volusia county, the secretary of which is Bert Fish, County Superintendent of Schools, to whose efforts is due, in a large measure, the prosperity of the school.

The Direct Management.

The management is in the hands of a board of sub-district trustees who spare neither time nor money in their efforts for the advancement and progress of the school. Parents who place their children in the care of our teachers may safely feel that they are in good hands, and that they will receive such training as is afforded by the best public schools of the country at the present time.

The founders of DeLand early gave attention to the schools, and in addition to the public school an academy was established, which has grown into the present University. But for all the pride we feel in our University our public school is near and dear to us. Up to the present time about sixteen thousand dollars has been spent in building and improving the beautiful edifice which we picture on this page. It is located just west of the main part of the city, and occupies three acres of ground, which gives ample room for school sports. Nowhere in the State will you find building and grounds superior to these.

The growth and prosperity of the school dates from the election of Mr. Bert Fish to the principalship of the High School in 1897. When he took charge there were but four rooms. For four years he labored to increase the efficiency of the school, and succeeded so well that in 1901 he was elected superintendent of the public schools of the county. His interest in the DeLand school has increased, and now we have twelve grade-rooms, two class-rooms and an auditorium with a seating capacity of six hundred.

At present there are eight teachers under Professor A. O. Botts as principal. The High School is affiliated with the John B. Stetson University, conforming its course so as to meet the requirements of the Academy of Stetson University. It is also arranged so as to conform with the State requirements and receive State aid.

The sub-district trustees, Messrs. G. W. Fisher, R. C. Bushnell and E. L. Powe, have direct management, and spare no pains to secure the best teaching talent possible. All of the teachers hold high grade certificates, and give of their best efforts to aid the pupils in every way possible.

Non-residents who wish to place their children in this school need feel no fear for their welfare. Careful, conscientious work in a good, moral atmosphere is what you will find here. Good schooling, a distinctively religious community and the absence of saloons and concomitant evils make for ideal education.

The school is open to non-residents who locate in DeLand during the winter, and only a nominal fee is charged for tuition. Many of our winter visitors enter their older children in the Stetson University, and the younger ones in the public school.

Owing to our mild climate many parents from the North come to DeLand with their children and enter them either in the University or the public schools. Students of frail constitutions who are unable to pursue their studies in the North during the winter months, have no difficulty whatever in keeping up with their work in our mild, agreeable climate. The hours not spent in study or the class-room can be devoted to the accumulation of health and vigor from our almost constant sunshine and balmy breezes.

